

To Defy Old Age, Keep The Heart Young

By Beatrice Fairfax

I KNOW a little old woman of 70 whose heart is as young as though she were in the twenties. Her hair is as white as snow, but in her eyes there burns the fire and vim of youth. She has worked hard all her life and has saved quite a sum of money. Her people are anxious that she should stop working and live comfortably on her savings for the rest of her days; but she says she is too young to give up work yet for a while.

So she trots cheerfully about the kitchen. She is a cook, and makes the best pies in the country. She has a keen sense of humor, and her laugh rings out a dozen times a day as gay and merry as a girl's.

She likes to have young people about her. "For," she says, "Sure, Miss, we are all young together, and do be having a fine time."

Dear little old woman! Her heart is as sweet and pure and kindly as a baby's, and that is what keeps her so young. Time could not have the heart to do other than deal gently with her.

You can all keep young, if you keep from getting into a rut and keep your interest in people and things alive.

Gray hairs and wrinkles will come, but it is the spirit that really keeps you young. If your heart gets dried and old it will show in your face, for the eyes are the windows of the soul and the truest index to your character.

If you are an unmarried woman, don't sink into the typical old maid existence.

Don't be kittenish. Nothing is more objectionable than the kittenish woman. But keep young.

Keep abreast with the times. Be interested in young people and their doings, and don't withdraw yourself into a shell of reserve.

Go out and visit your friends, and if you have ailments, keep them to yourself.

Don't get into one way of doing things and imagine that your way is the only way; and don't fail to appreciate a joke, even when it is at your own expense.

Look for the sunshine of life, for nothing so preserves youth as cheerfulness.

The mere fact that you are over 50 need not make you an old man or woman. If you take care of yourself and live sensibly, getting plenty of sleep and fresh air, you will be able to hold Father Time at bay for years.

Train yourself to take a cheerful view of life. Don't worry over trifles, and don't lose your temper. Frowns are great wrinkle builders.

I know that this is a true recipe for youth, for has not my little old friend proved it?—New York Evening Journal.

The Bachelor Tax

By Walter C. Michel

WHAT, I wonder, do the lawmakers of Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas and other states, expect to accomplish by their bachelor tax? If they think that they will benefit anybody by telling a man that he must either marry or pay a tax, I think that they are badly mistaken.

In the first place, why are there bachelors? Do they exist just for the fun of the thing, because they don't want a home, because they want to be different from other people or because they can live cheaper in that state? I think not.

The main reasons they don't marry are twofold: First, they cannot afford to keep a wife, and second, most of the marriageable women are not fit to become wives.

Why can't they afford to keep a wife? Simply because the various trades are so overrun with female labor that the man hasn't a chance to earn a man's wages. A woman's sphere is the home, a man's sphere is business.

Why are most of the marriageable women unfit to become wives? I am sure I don't know. It certainly isn't the man's fault that a woman doesn't know how to sew, cook, make a bed correctly, and in fact keep a house in the way a house should be kept.

Every man likes to have a home, a place where he may rest from his labors, a wife and children to welcome him. Give a man a decent position and a woman who knows how to run a home and he will get married every time.

Felling a Great Tree

By Clifton Johnson

IN the wooded shores of Puget Sound, Washington, the trees sometimes have a diameter of a dozen feet. The cedars, in particular, reach a vast height, and in the valley by the roadside was one with a circumference at the ground of 63 feet, and nearby was another that had a Gothic arch out through it affording easy passage for a man on horseback. But the tallest trees are the firs. Two hundred feet is a very moderate height, and some shoot up to above three hundred. The fall of one of the monsters when the woods-men have cut through its base is something appalling. As the tree begins to give the sawyers hustle down from their perch and seek a safe distance. Then they look upward along the giant column and listen. "She's workin' all the time," says one.

"Yes," agrees the other, "you can hear her talkin'!" and he gives a loud cry of "Timber!" to warn any fellow laborers who may be in the neighborhood.

The creaking and snapping increase, and the tree swings slowly at first, but soon with tremendous rapidity, and crashes down through the forest to the earth. There is a flying of bark and broken branches, and the air is filled with slow-settling dust. The men climb on the prostrate giant and walk along the broad pathway of the trunk to see how it lies. What pigmies they seem amid the mighty trees around! The ancient and lofty forest could well look down on them and despise their short-lived insignificance; yet their persistence and ingenuity are irresistible, and the woodland is doomed.—The Outing Magazine.

The Child Must Have Home Training

By Percival Chubb, of the Ethical Culture Society

OUR old home culture, and, worse still, the old home pieties, are disappearing. The church and Sunday school have not kept pace with modern pedagogy, and are losing their hold on society at large. In the increase of hoodlumism, divorce, child labor, luxury and extravagance, there is a relaxation of moral muscle, and in distress we are turning to the schools to stem the tide of moral inefficiency. President Eliot said: "We cannot transfer the duties of the home or of the church to the school. In his social environment, in the time he spends out of school, the child gets more education or miseducation than he gets in it. We have to come back to the old idea of having the parents purge out the moral malaria."—Leslie's Weekly.

Scared.

"Don't worry about John, mother," "Well, Egh, I don't suppose I should; but when one letter says his condition is so good and the next that he'll have to get rid of his condition before the faculty will let him play football, I'm awful afraid he'll make himself sick and weak."—Puck.

No Novelty.

"A novel always ends with the marriage." "Which is proper. There's nothing novel about the subsequent hunt for a fat and a cook and a job lot of furniture."—From Puck.

Among the thousand and one projects on the program of the Young Turks for the regeneration of Turkey the Constantinople journals announce, with much satisfaction, the intention to rid the city of its street dogs.

JURY HAS CARMACK CASE

The Attorney General Concludes His Speech Begun Saturday and Judge Hart Orders a Recess to Prepare His Charge—The Judge's Charge. It is Believed Will Be Short and the Case Will Probably Go to the Jury Late Tuesday.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The general belief that the case would go to the jury Monday caused the largest crowd yet assembled to try to get into the court house for the final scenes of the trial of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp for the murder of United States Senator Edward W. Carmack. But there was another delay. After Attorney General McCall had closed for the State Judge Hart announced that he had not completed the charge but hoped to have it ready some time Tuesday.

General McCall spoke only a little over an hour but closed with a burst of eloquence, a farewell invocation to Carmack, "statesman, patriot, diplomat, Christian, gentleman and friend."

General McCall's argument is considered to be a remarkably able and strong one. This is his first case, almost the first case he has actually tried since he took the oath of office last September and his friends were out in force to see how he acquitted himself.

Mrs. Carmack was in court again heavily veiled as usual. When General McCall reached his peroration she leaned over and rested her head upon her sister's shoulder.

LOST \$6,000 ON COUNTY ROAD.

Walter George Newman Hurrying on 15-Mile Drive to Catch Train Loses Large Sum of Money and \$1,000 Worth of Jewelry.

Salisbury, Special.—Mr. Walter George Newman, a well known mine owner of New York, drove across country Monday from his mines at Gold Hill to Salisbury, a distance of 15 miles and upon reaching the city informed officers here that he had lost \$6,000 in cash and a lot of jewelry valued at \$1,000.

The trip was made hurriedly in order to catch a train for New York and Mr. and Mrs. Newman left the city immediately.

Mr. Newman came to North Carolina Saturday to pay off the employees at Gold Hill where he is operating two rich mines. To a company of friends at the Salisbury station he talked excitedly of the loss, but resumed his journey to New York.

Roosevelt Inspects Outfit.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Special.—Ex-President Roosevelt Monday made a careful inspection of the articles for his African trip. Mr. Roosevelt saw his small tent pitched on the lawn and everything put in order for occupancy. The ex-President was enthusiastic during the inspection of the outfit and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the clever manner in which the materials were made and packed. Before finally packing his guns Mr. Roosevelt took them out to his target range and discharged each half a dozen times. It is said he succeeded in hitting the bull's-eye in a majority of the shots during the practice.

Lineman's Tragic Death. Asheville, Special.—Hicks Capehart, a lineman in the employ of the Asheville Electric Company, met a tragic death here Monday, by having his brains dashed out on the pavement through the fall of a pole up he was climbing. It is presumed Capehart fell face down, on the stone paved street. A great hole, nearly as large as a man's fist, was made in his forehead, while his brains were scattered about on the car rail and the street.

Will Make His Own Selections.

Washington, Special.—Only five committees of the House will be named by Speaker Cannon, for the present. These will be ways and means, rules, printing, mileage and accounts. In making up the committees it is stated the Speaker will consult with every member of the House, who desires to discuss assignments with him.

Slander Suit Settled.

Raleigh, Special.—The mutual friends of ex-Judge W. A. Montgomery, of Raleigh, and Mr. Thomas Dixon, of New York, conferred here Monday in the presence of Aycock and Winston and J. N. Holding, representing Dixon, and The News and Observer and R. H. Battle & Son, representing Judge Montgomery, and amicably settled all matters in litigation thus ending all pending suits, including that against The News and Observer. The substance of the agreement signed is that neither Dixon nor Montgomery intended to impeach the private life of the other.

Col. A. Q. Holladay Dead.

Raleigh, Special.—The funeral of Col. A. Q. Holladay, for ten years president of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and a man well-known and beloved throughout the South, took place at the First Presbyterian church, Raleigh, Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Colonel Holladay died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pickel, after a sudden attack of pneumonia.

The Nicaraguan Situation.

Washington, Special.—Senor Eguinosa, protested to Secretary Knox Monday that the military and naval activity now in progress in that country is destined entirely for defensive purposes; that she does not contemplate making any attacks on her sister republics and that conditions are quiet within her borders. The minister went to the State Department armed with a bundle of dispatches from his government and spent half an hour with the Secretary.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

By an act of Congress on Feb. 1st the windows of President Harrison and President Cleveland may use the mails free of postage for the balance of their lives if their autographs be placed on the letters.

The annex for the demented at the county home of Rockingham, N. C., was burned on Tuesday and two aged inmates were burned to death.

The State of Washington has local apion. Every incorporated town and every country district is a unit.

When Mr. Fairbanks was Vice-President he had an elaborate inkstand made for his desk. On hearing complaints of extravagance he sent in his check for \$200, which covered the cost and took it with him when he retired.

The federal grand jury in New York found a true bill for slander against the New York World in the Panama affair.

South Carolina makes it bad on the man that drums for liquor orders.

Diplomatic relations with Nicaragua were practically broken off Friday by the State Department, which ordered Secretary of Legation Gregory at Managua to return home, leaving the legation in charge of the consul, who will have no diplomatic capacity.

Six persons were hanged in Louisiana for murder and one for criminal assault March 5th.

Maj. Hale, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, presented to the N. C. Supreme Court last week an oil painting of Jno. De Rossett Toomer, who made the speech of welcome to Gen. Lafayette when he visited Fayetteville. Editor Hale also published the speech and the General's response.

At this writing Gen. Butler of South Carolina, and Hon. Cyrus B. Watson of North Carolina, seem to be in the power of fatal sickness.

Preparations are being pushed for the 12th conference for education in the South to be held in Atlanta, Ga., on April 14, 15 and 16.

Telegrams received from Carinthia, Austria, report that a series of devastating avalanches have occurred there and that numbers of houses have been swept away. It is already known that ten deaths have resulted.

Hirschel Hogg, a confessed member of the band of night-riders who murdered Captain Quenten Rankin at Walnut Log in October, escaped from jail at Dresden Sunday night.

It is said that there are 32,000 cases of land frauds for the Attorney General to see to as soon as practicable.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt has won her divorce suit and is now free from her husband.

Miss Jennie Reed and Joseph Mueller were strolling in Baltimore a few nights ago when she was shot and killed. Mueller raised the cry that a highwayman had held him up and gotten his valuables and on approaching her received a slap in the face, whereupon the robber shot her. Mueller now says he himself shot her accidentally.

Bib Springs, Texas, had a fire Wednesday that destroyed a number of business blocks entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Lewis Nixon, the shipbuilder, predicts a great future for aeroplanes and airships.

Michael Donnelly, judge of Third District, Ohio Circuit Court, is charged with imbezzlement of funds belonging to the Ohio German Insurance Co. to the extent of probably \$300,000. The company has failed.

A tornado struck Brinkley, Ark., last Sunday night and killed 35 persons, demolishing most of the houses and leaving few left for habitation.

Charles M. Schwab said the Bethlehem Steel Company would not reduce wages.

The Standard Oil Company won its suit that relieved it from paying the \$29,240,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis.

The United States District Court at Kansas City declared the 2-cent railroad rate in Missouri confiscatory and illegal.

Dr. W. D. Crum has resigned as collector of the port at Charleston and it is understood that Mr. Edwin W. Durant will become his successor.

The technical high school of Munich has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of technical sciences on Wilbur and Orville Wright, the American aeroplanists.

Washington Notes.

A petition widely signed is being handled by former U. S. Senator C. W. Hinds, of Mississippi, to be presented to Congress to pension old people.

President Taft is so pleased with his cadidty that he is sending the youth to the University of Virginia, allowing him \$2 a day for expenses.

It is stated with some degree of authority that President Taft will visit the Southern States next fall.

Willis L. Moore, chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, has called on President Taft and by way of apology for the mistake in the predictions for inauguration weather gave all sorts of proof that no such "highs" and "lows" ever produced such a storm.

Secretary Meyer has revoked the order of President Roosevelt to abolish the navy yards at Pensacola, Fla., and New Orleans.

The Senate adopted the new Penal Code, striking out the "Reconstruction" sections that were objectionable to Southerners.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

Colored Fireman the Only Victim of Head-On Crash Between Freight and Passenger Trains at Colon Sanford, Special.—Seaboard passenger train No. 32, southbound, and a northbound freight ran together head-on Saturday morning about 4:30 o'clock at Colon, a small station about 35 miles south of Raleigh. Hassey Lindsay, the colored fireman of the passenger train was killed, and the engineer, Ed Robertson, of Raleigh, was badly hurt.

The engineer, M. J. Eisenhart, of the freight, and his fireman jumped and neither was hurt. Capt. W. C. Cox, conductor on the passenger train, had a leg broken; Ernest Duval, baggage master, was hurt in the back and internally. W. R. Lamb, a merchant of Hamlet, was badly bruised; John Newton, colored, of Hamlet, had a leg crushed; W. S. Rowe, express messenger, was badly hurt; Sam Wicks, colored, of Charlotte, was badly cut. Others received minor injuries.

The injured were taken to Raleigh for treatment.

The engineer of the freight train misread the orders. He thought No. 33 was an hour and a half late, when it was No. 32 that was late. The trains were running at full speed and engines were practically demolished. The baggage and express cars and first passenger coach of the passenger train were splintered.

WAR ON "BLACK HAND."

Brutal Murder of Italian Detective Sins New York Police—Other Cities Asked to Aid in the Extermination of the Criminals.

New York, Special.—Relentless warfare will be waged against the "Black Hand" societies by the police of this, and it is hoped, other cities as a result of the murder of Lieutenant Joseph Petrosini, the noted detective of New York, in Palermo, Friday night. For years Petrosini had been active in his work to bring to justice members of his own race who carried on blackmailing operations in this country through threats of murder made in the name of the "Black Hand." It is believed here that his murder was the result of a plot that had its inception in the United States and that the persons indirectly responsible for his death are still within the reach of the American police. If so, every effort will be made to bring about their arrest and conviction, and with this end in view Inspector McCafferty, head of the New York detective bureau, sent telegrams Saturday to the authorities in the principal cities of the country asking that increased activity be exerted against all "Black Hand" suspects. Immediate orders were given to arrest at once all men in New York City who are believed to have connection with "Black Hand" operations.

Petrosini's murderer, who was a member of the "Black Hand," fired four shots from a revolver. Petrosini arrived in Sicily only a short time ago and was engaged in conducting an investigation regarding Italian criminals.

Inspector McCafferty said Saturday that he was anxious to know whether Petrosini had been robbed after being shot. He intimated that Petrosini had some papers valuable to the police here in running down Black Hand and other Italian offenders.

A cablegram from Palermo (Italy) says: The assassination of Lieutenant Petrosino has stirred the police to unprecedented activity. Many arrests already have been made, including a number of Italians with criminal records, lately returned from the United States.

Great Floods in the South.

A special from Montgomery, Ala., says the Alabama is 51 feet above normal and is slowly rising. It is expected to be 55 feet. No great casualties have yet occurred as fair warnings were given and residents from the lower districts moved to the higher parts. The Coosa at Rome is 31 1-2 feet, and 29 feet at Gadsden. The Tallapoosa is a raging torrent.

South Pines Chosen.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Special.—The Blue and Gray Association at its annual encampment here Saturday selected Southern Pines, N. C., for the next reunion. The following officers were elected: Commander in chief, Major B. F. Dixon, North Carolina; senior vice commander, Capt. William M. McCormick, Georgia; junior vice commander, Capt. Joseph Price, Florida; chaplain in chief, Rev. W. S. Harden, Georgia; judge advocate general, O. S. Deming, Warren, O.; quartermaster general, C. H. Worth, Texas.

Gas From the Caddo Field.

New Orleans, Special.—The question of supplying natural gas to cities in Louisiana and neighboring States from the extensive fields in Caddo parish, Louisiana, a distance of 300 miles from this city, has assumed concrete form in an application for franchise submitted to the city council of New Orleans. Shreveport, La., and Texarkana, Ark., have both been getting their gas supply from that source for the past two years.

No War in Central America.

Managua, Nicaragua, By Cable.—The report that there has been an outbreak of hostilities between Nicaragua and Salvador were cabled here from the United States. They are absolutely without foundation. Peace reigns in Salvador as well as in Nicaragua. Men thoroughly familiar with conditions in Central America do not believe there will be any outbreak of hostilities between Nicaragua and Salvador so long as American warships stay on the coast.

PREPARING FOR ROOSEVELT

"Darkest Africa" Will Welcome the Ex-President With Open Arms.

Mombasa, East Africa, By Cable.

Mombasa is preparing already to welcome Theodore Roosevelt when he lands here the latter part of next month on his much-heralded African trip, and the coming of the former president of the United States has given a decided impetus to the interest in the present hunting season. The governor of the protectorate, Lieut. Col. Sir James Sadler, is getting up entertainment for the distinguished visitor, but in spite of these arrangements, the greeting to Mr. Roosevelt will be more to the great sportsman whose fame is well known to local hunters than to the former president.

East African sportsmen were highly gratified to learn that Mr. Roosevelt had refused the offer of the authorities to grant him a special hunting license that would have permitted him to kill game to an unlimited extent instead of confining himself to the two elephants, two rhinoceroses, two hippopotami, etc. Lions and leopards are classed as vermin and consequently no license to kill them is required.

The white population of Mombasa has heard much of Mr. Roosevelt's personality and in a joking way frequent references to the "big stick" are being made.

The prospects for good hunting this season are considered excellent. Many settlers in the outlying districts, realizing the increasing interest in the prospects for good sport because of the coming of Mr. Roosevelt, are voluntarily sending in information about the movements of game. According

to a dispatch received here a record group of lions, numbering 32, was seen on the Nandi plateau Tuesday at a point about 50 miles north of Port Florence. (The Nandi plateau is on the west side of the great Rift valley.) Among them were three huge males.

Giraffes Seen.

Four families of giraffes have been seen at Makindu, 200 miles inland from here on the line of the Uganda railroad, and elephants have been seen at Elburgon, 475 miles inland on the railroad and along the Sabaki river, not far to the north of Mombasa.

R. J. Cunningham, the noted English big game hunter and naturalist, who is to be guide to and general manager of the Roosevelt party, has been here for some time completing the preparations for the trip into the wilderness as well as the shooting and collecting excursions along the line of the railroad. He is selecting and hiring native porters for the excursion. He takes only experienced men who are known to be courageous and to possess great physical strength. The safari kit, in other words, the camp equipment for the work in the open, is to come from London and will be in readiness when Mr. Roosevelt arrives.

Everything points to a successful stay in British East Africa and Uganda for Mr. Roosevelt; the natives are peaceful; game is plentiful and the people of Mombasa are waiting eagerly to extend him a welcome.

DECISION IN FAVOR OF THE OIL COMPANY

Chicago, Special.—The Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, found not guilty of accepting rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railroad on shipments of oil from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis, Ill. The verdict was returned by a jury in the Federal Court on instructions of Judge A. G. Anderson, who averred that he followed the Circuit Court of Appeals' decision as to the verdict returned at the former trial of the same case and on which verdict Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis assessed a fine of \$29,240,000.

Judge Anderson's decision was not unexpected as he had Tuesday told the government prosecutors that the proof relied on in the first trial was incompetent and that it must be complemented or fail. It was with something of an air of hopelessness that District Attorney Edwin W. Sims and

his assistant attempted to show the inadvisability of the Illinois classification to prove the existence of a legal rate of 18 cents, which was a vital point in the government's contention.

Attorneys Threw Up Case.

It was after Assistant District Attorney James H. Wilkerson had argued for two hours and in the end admitted that the prosecution could not furnish the further proof deemed necessary by the court for a continuation of the case, that Judge Anderson announced his decision. Mr. Wilkerson said that the government could proceed no further and suggested dismissal of the case. Attorney John S. Miller, chief counsel in the case for the oil company, immediately moved that there be an instructed verdict of not guilty. The court so ordered, and the jury, which had been excluded during the arguments by the attorneys, was called in and charged.

GEORGIA TOWNS SUFFER FROM STORMS

Nearly half of the main business block of Cuthbert was demolished. Every store on Depot street was blown down, filling the street with piles of brick and timbers. Homeless persons wandered through the town searching for household possessions which the wind had scattered for blocks in all directions.

The whites dead at—Montgomery are:

William Dillard, 20 years old.

Thomas Harper, of Atlanta, 22 years.

Unidentified white man.

Floods at Montgomery, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Heavy and continuous rains wrought great damage here and the situation was made serious Tuesday. Several homes in north Montgomery were abandoned and inmates carried to places of safety in boats.

The Grand Theatre, a handsome new structure, was flooded and the damage will be heavy.

Cuthbert Hard Hit.

Cuthbert, Ga., reported the damage at \$500,000 and Mayor D. A. McPherson issued an appeal for aid.

SHIPS COLLIDE ON MASSACHUSETTS COAST

Chatham, Mass., Special.—The steamer Horatio Hall of the Maine Steamship Company, from Portland, New York and H. F. Dimock, of the Metropolitan line, from New York to Boston, collided at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning and the Hall went to the bottom in half an hour and the

Dimock ran ashore six hours later on Cape Cod beach, where the passengers and crew of the Hall were landed unharmed. Wireless calls were made but the position of the ships was not well stated and in the dense fog assistance failed to reach the point of disaster.

MUST NOT PLACE ON THE "UNFAIR LIST"

Washington, Special.—The American Federation of Labor hereafter may freely refer to the boycott against the Buck Stove and Range company of St. Louis, except by inclusion in the "We don't patronize list." This in substance of wide-spread importance to the labor world, and to newspapers and from printing or publishing or distributing, through the mails or otherwise, any copy of The Federationist or other publication referring to the complainant, its business or products in the "We don't patronize" or "Unfair list."

ANGRY FIRE IN SPARTANBURG DOES \$50,000 DAMAGE

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—In a fierce and angry fire Friday night, that resisted all efforts of the fire department, the two-story brick building of J. B. and J. F. Cleveland and occupied by Harry Price, clothier, and R. L. Bowden, dry goods, was destroyed together with the stock of both merchants, entailing a loss of \$50,000. Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell and Fireman Stevens were injured by falling timbers, though it is not thought their injuries will prove serious.

At one time it looked as if the entire block from the Whittington drug store on the corner of Main and Church streets, just north of where the fire originated to the Lee Building on the south, would be destroyed. The loss, which is estimated at \$50,000, is partially insured.

ANTHRACITE MINERS AND OPERATORS CANNOT AGREE

Philadelphia, March 11.—The anthracite coal operators met the committee of hard coal miners in the Reading Terminal building here Thursday and flatly refused to grant the men any of the demands they laid before them, and at the same time proposed to the mine workers that the present agreement, which expires March 31, be renewed for another term of three years. This decision came as a great disappointment to the men. When the afternoon session of the conference adjourned, Thomas L. Lewis, national president of the United Mine Workers of America, and his colleagues filed out of President Baer's office and went straight to the hotel. A committee of seven representatives of Anthracite mine workers and a committee of seven representatives of the Anthracite operators held a joint meeting in the afternoon to discuss the mine workers' demands